

CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LAW PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Business Law Society

The Business Law Society (BLS) is a student organization that provides a forum to exchange ideas for students interested in business law. To ensure that you are receiving updates about BLS events, email [BLS](mailto:BLS@law.du.edu) to be placed on the mailing list. If you have questions about the BLS or the society in general, reach out to Hannah Herbst or BLS@law.du.edu.

Venture Law Society

The Venture Law Society (VLS) is an organization for law students interested in Shark Tank, entrepreneurship, startups and entity formation, venture financing, for and non-profit businesses, mergers and acquisitions, corporations, and emerging markets. VLS offers educational opportunities through panels, networking opportunities through events and community, and experiential opportunities

Welcome to Spring Semester 2021

While we recognize that times are different and we don't get to see you face-to-face very often, your CCLP faculty hopes your spring semester is off to a great start and that you are enjoying your courses.

Graduating CCLP 3L Students

Just a friendly reminder to submit your Corporate & Commercial Law Certificate Petition Form as soon as possible if you have not already done so. You can access the form [here](#). If you have a question regarding what classes meet which requirements or if you received a waiver from one of the requirements and need an email to that effect, contact Prof. Bowers at sbowers@law.du.edu or Vince Gonzales at ygonzales@law.du.edu.

The Closer Competition at Baylor Law (By: Bradley Scoble, 3L)

This January, I had the opportunity to represent the Sturm College of Law in Baylor's *The Closer* negotiation competition. While the competition takes place over an intense couple of days, it could not have been a better experience, especially for someone who wants to become a deal lawyer. With only 24 hours to prepare, I was tasked with understanding multiple aspects of an intellectual property assignment agreement in preparation for my negotiation rounds with counsel representing the other side. Thankfully, with the help of Professor Bowers as my coach, I was able to represent my client's interests to the best of my ability.

I think *The Closer* competition was one of the better experiences I've had during my law school career. A special shout-out to those involved with hosting and judging the competition is much deserved.

through workshops and clinics. However, members have no required time commitment and are encouraged to capitalize on opportunities compatible with their schedule and interests. To join VLS or request more information, please contact the VP of Finance and Operations, [Alexandra Feathers](#).

To members of other student organizations: venture law intersects with a wide range of identity groups and areas of legal interest. VLS would like to increase cross-organization collaborations and encourages members of other organizations to reach out at any time. For collaborations, please contact the VPs of Programming and Events, [Katherine Thomas](#) and [Justin Sawyer](#).

The Race to the Bottom Blog

The Race to the Bottom Blog (RTTB) is a student-faculty [blog](#) that provides a forum for discussing trends and case law updates on corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, cryptocurrency, and securities law.

Unfortunately we were not able to travel to Waco and negotiate in person. However, Baylor Law, and everyone else involved, put on a professional production. In addition, the caliber of students that sat on both sides of the table was very impressive, and everyone did an amazing job representing their clients. Again, I am just honored that I was chosen to take part in this event. I would certainly encourage anyone interested in negotiating at a high-level to participate in future *The Closer* competitions.

2021 Transactional Competition

Denver Law and UMKC School of Law are excited to be co-hosting a virtual transactional competition on Friday, March 26, 2021. The competition assigns student teams to represent a client in a merger transaction, draft an amendment to the stock purchase agreement, mark-up the other side's amendment, and compete in two negotiations to finalize the document and its terms. The negotiation rounds are judged by local practicing attorneys from each region's legal community. Twenty-four law school teams from around the US will participate in 2021 (12 in the Denver Law region and 12 in the UMKC School of Law region), including one team from Denver Law.

The Denver Law team, which will compete in the UMKC region, is comprised of Anthony Gunnell (3L), Bradley Scoble (3L), and Van Vu (3L). The team is coached by former Transactional LawMeets participants and Denver Law alums. If you see this year's team around or have class with them, make sure to wish them luck.

Corporate Externship Opportunities (By: Prof. Kristen Hulse)

Law firm and company externships continue to offer terrific opportunities for students to gain hands-on practical experience in the corporate realm. If you are interested in exploring a corporate externship (for credit) opportunity this summer, reach out to Prof. Hulse at khulse@law.du.edu to set up an advising appointment.

In addition the Externship Department will host a number of online Externship information Sessions this semester, all of which take place at noon (12pm). Make sure to register via Zoom if you'd like to attend one of the sessions. You can find the details and register for a session on Denver Law's calendar [here](#).

February 9:	General Session
February 17:	Semester in Practice Session
February 22:	Child Advocacy Program
February 24:	General Session
February 25:	Part-Time Session
March 1:	Judge Mix Diversity Session
March 11:	General Session

Pioneer Venture Group

Calling grad students who want to get hands-on exposure to seed/venture capital investing. Pioneer Venture Group (PVG), DU's first student-run venture capital fund, invests in innovative seed-stage and pre-seed-stage start-ups across the Rocky Mountain Region. PVG has student partners at its core from the business, law, and engineering schools with active support of experienced faculty, outside advisory board members, alumni, and community members. Additional information can be found [here](#). Interested in becoming a member, complete this [inquiry form](#) to join the waitlist for PVG.

Colorado Bar Association - Business Law Section

Are you interested in networking and meeting local business lawyers? Then you should become a student member of the Colorado Bar Association and the Business Law Section ([students join for free](#)). Be sure to join the [Business Law Section](#), which holds a number of events every year and allows students to attend the "Lunch and Learn" continuing legal education series for free.

These are some of the Business Law Section's upcoming events (contact Prof. Bowers if you are interested):

February 2 (8 - 9:30am; Webinar): M&A Breakfast Series: The M&A World in 2020 and 2021

February 2 (5:00 - 7:15pm; Webinar): Colorado Real Estate Practice 2021

February 3 (11am - 12pm; Audio Webcast): Exit Strategies: Selling Companies to Employees

February 17 (12 - 1:00pm; Webinar): Legislative Update: Financial Services Industry

March 4 & 11 (11am - 2pm; Webinar): Small Businesses in COVID-19 Recession

March 16 (8:30am - 5:05pm; Webinar): 5th Annual Cannabis Symposium